



**NEH Grant Application Workshop
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
California State University, San Marcos
The M. Gordon Clarke Field House
Grand Salon**

On **Tuesday, February 4, 2014** California State University, San Marcos will host a workshop on applying for grants from the **National Endowment for the Humanities**. Anyone interested in learning about NEH funding opportunities and application strategies is welcome to attend this event. The workshop will be conducted by Mark Silver, Senior Program Officer in the Research Division of the Endowment.

The first half of the workshop will provide an overview of NEH funding opportunities and offer **tips for writing competitive proposals**, focusing especially on **NEH Fellowships, Summer Stipends, and Awards for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions**. (Those interested in other NEH programs will, however, find that much of the advice applies.) The second half of the workshop will consist of a **mock application review panel**. Participants will read, discuss, and rank actual Fellowships proposals following NEH's procedures in order to understand more fully how applications are evaluated and recommended for NEH funding.

In addition to providing general information about all Endowment programs, Mr. Silver will be available to meet individually with prospective applicants to discuss their projects and offer advice about their proposals. A limited number of individual appointments are available and priority will be given to those who submit a one-page statement of their project by Tuesday, January 28. While it is best to participate in the full workshop, you may schedule an individual appointment even if you cannot attend the main session. **Appointments are available** on Tuesday, February 4 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 5 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Each appointment will last 20 minutes.

To participate in the workshop and/or request an individual appointment with Mr. Silver, please register at http://www.csusm.edu/gsr/faculty/nehworkshop/workshop_form.html. Once we process your registration, you will receive a confirmation email that includes workshop materials and parking instructions. Questions should be directed to lmccart@csusm.edu.

NOTE: Those requesting an individual meeting should submit a one page project statement by Tuesday, January 28 to lmccart@csusm.edu. Include your name, and if applicable, your title, department, and institution at the top of the page. Your individual meeting will be confirmed upon receipt of this document.

Mark Silver is the Asia specialist on the staff of NEH's Research Division. He works primarily in the Division's programs for individuals, including Fellowships, Summer Stipends, and Awards for Faculty (for which he is the team leader), but he also chairs review panels in the Collaborative Research and Scholarly Editions and Translations programs. Before joining the Endowment, he taught Japanese language and literature at Middlebury College, Connecticut College, and Colgate University. He has published reviews and peer-reviewed articles in the field of Japanese Studies, as well as a book titled *Purloined Letters: Cultural Borrowing and Japanese Crime Literature, 1868-1937* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2008). He holds a Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Literatures from Yale University.